

REMARKS

As a preliminary matter, Applicants appreciate the indication that claims 13 and 16-23 would be allowable if the double patenting rejection were overcome.

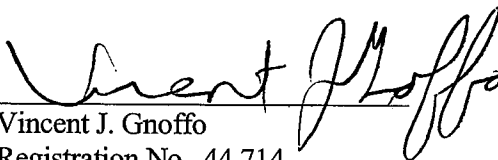
The Office action indicated that the Terminal Disclaimer submitted on November 16, 2007 was defective for being signed by an attorney not of record. The signing attorney is an attorney of record, however, as evidenced by the attached Power of Attorney filed in the parent application and re-filed when this application was filed. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney if he believes there are still issues with regard to the Terminal Disclaimer.

Claims 1-8, 10-12 and 14-15 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Loomas et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,403,335) in view of Dybbs (U.S. Patent No. 5,308,355).

To expedite prosecution, Claim 1 is amended to include the feature of claim 13 which was considered allowable. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection to claim 1 be withdrawn. The remaining claims depend from claim 1 and thus include the features of claim 1, plus additional features. Therefore, for at least the reasons that claim 1 is allowable, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of the remaining claims also be withdrawn.

For all of the above reasons, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of the present application. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at (312) 321-4224 if there are any outstanding issues that could be resolved through a telephone conference.

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